

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, and 5-9 of the application are currently pending, and have been rejected.

Applicant traverses.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-3 under 35 USC § 102(e) as being anticipated by Cok (Application Number: US2002/0186209). In this regard, the Examiner has stated that:

“Regarding claims 1 and 2, referring to Figs. 10-13, Cok teaches a touch screen display comprising a pressure tolerant display including a plurality of interference modulation elements; and a touch screen (10) directly coupled to the display (49) [0029] - [0031].”

One limitation of claim 1 includes “a pressure-tolerant display including a plurality of interference modulation elements.” Cok fails to teach or suggest a pressure-tolerant display including a plurality of interference modulation elements. Instead, Cok teaches a touch screen for use with an organic light emitting diode (OLED) display (see abstract). Whereas interference modulation elements are reflective devices, an OLED is an emissive device in that it produces light by energizing a sandwich of appropriate materials. For example, see column 2 first paragraph where it is stated that “where a voltage is applied by a voltage source 64 across the light emitting elements 32 via cable 67, light 66 is emitted through the substrate 50, or through a transparent cathode layer 62.” Thus the display device of Cok does not include a plurality of interference modulation elements, as cited in claim 1. Based on the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that Cok does not teach or suggest all limitations of claim 1, and accordingly cannot anticipate or render obvious claim 1. Given that claims 2 and 3 depend on claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are also not anticipated or rendered obvious by Cok.

The Examiner rejected claims 5, and 7-9 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Cok in view of Credelle (publication number US2002/0181208). Applicant traverses.

One limitation of claim 5 includes “an array of interference modulation elements.”

Credelle teaches a method of electronic assembly wherein a component is mounted in a recess in a carrier substrate, and electrically connected to the carrier substrate by metal connectors (see abstract). Credelle teaches that the drive electronics for a display such as an LCD displayed may be embedded in a back plane layer 730 of the display (see column 5 paragraphs 45-48). Cok teaches a touch screen for use with an organic light emitting diode (OLED) display (see abstract). As such, Cok does not teach or suggest a combination with Credelle, and Credelle does not teach or suggest a combination with Cok. Moreover, the combination of Cok and Credelle does not teach or suggest all limitations of claims 5-9. For example, the combination of Cok and Credelle fails to teach or suggest an array of interference modulation elements, as recited in claim 5.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claim 5 is not anticipated or rendered obvious by the combination of Cok and Credelle. Further, given that claims 6-9 depend on claim 5, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are also not anticipated or rendered obvious by the combination of Cok and Credelle.


Based on the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account 02-2666 for any charges that may be due. Furthermore, if an extension is required, then Applicant hereby requests such an extension.

Respectfully submitted,

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